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SUBJECT: EXCELSIOR STORIES ON CHICANOS AND THE
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1. CHARGES STATED IN FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA TWO
DIFFICULT TO COMMENT ON FULLY IN VIEW OF LACK OF SPECIFICS.
EMBASSY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND FOR BACKGROUND THAT "FUNDS
FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES" ARE NOT ALLOCATED TO ETHNIC
GROUPS, BUT TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS IN WHICH ONE ETHNIC GROUP
MAY OF COURSE PREDOMINATE OR HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST.
USUALLY, DECISIONS ON FUNDING ARE MADE BY AGENCIES RE-
SPONSIBLE RATHER THAN BY WHITE HOUSE.

2. IF ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS CHARGE, EMBASSY MAY STATE
THAT IT HAS NO BASIS IN FACT. ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT
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CONDITIONED ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF SPECIAL
INTEREST TO ANY SPECIFIC ETHNIC GROUP ON SUPPORT FOR ANY
PARTICULAR POLICIES OR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS. DECISIONS ON
FUNDING CONTINUE TO BE BASED ON RELEVANT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC
AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA.

3. WHILE YOU ARE IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE HOW EDITOR OF

EXCELSIOR LIKELY TO REACT TO YOUR APPROACH ON THE FERNANDEZ PONTE STORIES, WE SUGGEST YOU ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THE MERITS OR SPECIFIC INACCURACIES OF THE OFFENDING STORIES THEMSELVES AND AVOID GENERALIZATIONS CONCERNING PAPER'S MOTIVES OR ITS POSSIBLE DISSERVICE TO US-MEXICAN RELATIONS. WE SUSPECT THAT EXCELSIOR MANAGEMENT, LIKE MOST JOURNALISTS, WILL REJECT ANY OBLIGATION ON THEIR PART TO HELP ADVANCE BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT MAY BE SENSITIVE TO ANY APPROACHES FROM US THAT THEY MIGHT CHARACTERIZE AS USG OR EMBASSY PRESSURES OR INADEQUATE REGARD FOR PRESS FREEDOM.

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